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Homicide Unit

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POLICE INVESTIGATE OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING IN MARINA NEIGHBORHOOD

(San Diego) San Diego Police Homicide Unit detectives are investigating the circumstances surrounding an officer involved shooting which occurred last night in the Marina neighborhood.

At approximately 11:45 p.m., officers received a radio call of a robbery having just occurred at the Ralph's Supermarket located at 101 G Street. Two bicycle officers responded to the call, riding westbound on 300 G Street. When they got to the intersection of 2nd and G Street, they saw several citizens struggling to detain two subjects. Some of the citizens appeared to be employees of Ralph's Supermarket. The officers, believing that the citizens were struggling with the robbery suspects, immediately intervened in an attempt to control the subjects. During the struggle, one of the suspects resisted the efforts of police officers by kicking at them. Baton strikes attempted by the officer were not successful, and the suspect freed himself from the officer and assisting citizens. Once free, the suspect produced a knife and began waving it at the two officers and several of the citizens. From a distance of less than 5 feet, the suspect made a stabbing motion towards the officer. The officer, fearing that he was about to be stabbed by the suspect, removed his service weapon and fired two rounds at the suspect. The suspect was struck by the gunfire and collapsed a short distance from the shooting scene. He was transported to UCSD Trauma Center where he later died as a result of the gunshot wound. The time of death was reported as 12:28 a.m. The name of the deceased is being withheld pending notification of family members.

The remaining suspect was taken into custody and booked into jail on one count of robbery. He has been identified as 18-year-old Joseph Kidis. A third suspect fled the scene shortly after the call for police. He is described as a Latino male, 6 feet tall, weighing approximately 160 lbs. The suspect was last seen wearing a white t-shirt with black writing on the front, and blue colored basketball shorts.

The officer who fired his weapon is a three-year-member of the police department. His name will be released at a later date.

Anyone with information about this incident is encouraged to call the Homicide Unit at (619) 531-2293.

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